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Tread lightly, she is near Under the snow, Speak gently, she can hear The daisies grow.

All her bright golden hair
Tarnished with rust,
She that was young and fair
Fallen to dust.

Lily-like, white as snow,
She hardly knew
She was a woman, so
Sweetly she grew.

Coffin-board, heavy stone,
Lie on her breast,
I vex my heart alone,
She is at rest.

Peace, Peace, she cannot hear
Lyre or sonnet,
All my life's buried here,
Heap earth upon it.

Oscar Wilde.
(By kind permisson of his literary executor).

Tritt sachte, schnee-umhüllt Liegt sie uns nah; Sprich sanft, der Blumen Hauch Vernimmt sie da.

All ihr schön golden Haar Trübe, verglüht; Sie, die so lieblich war, Staub und verblüht.

Lilienweiss, rein und klar, Wusste sie nicht, Dass sie erwachsen war, Wachsend so schlicht.

Sargesbrett, schwerer Stein, Lasten auf ihr, Ich quäl' mein Herz allein, Sie ruhet hier.

Still! Still! Sie hört nicht mehr Töne Gesanges, All mein Sein liegt mit ihr, Erde, umfang es.

Harold W. Atkinson.

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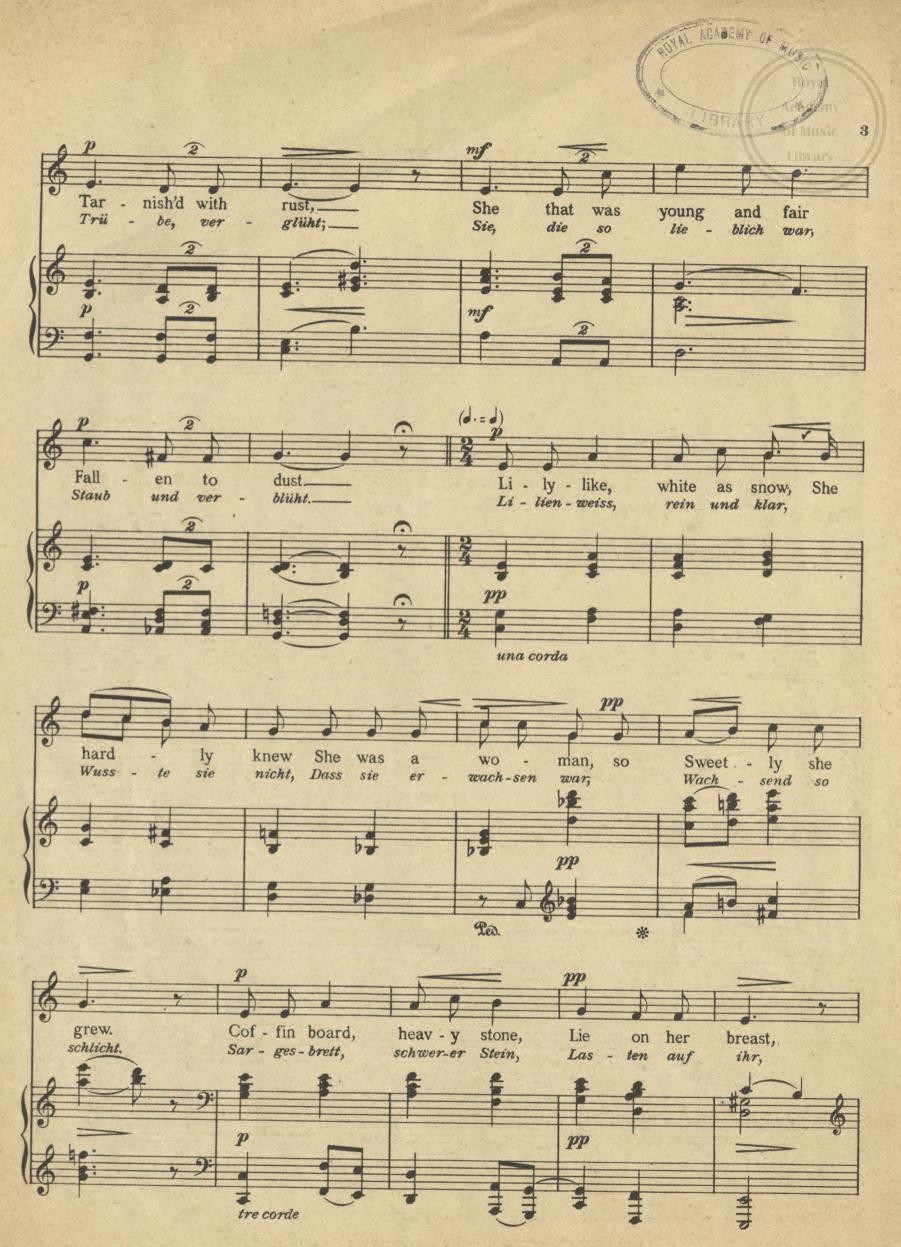
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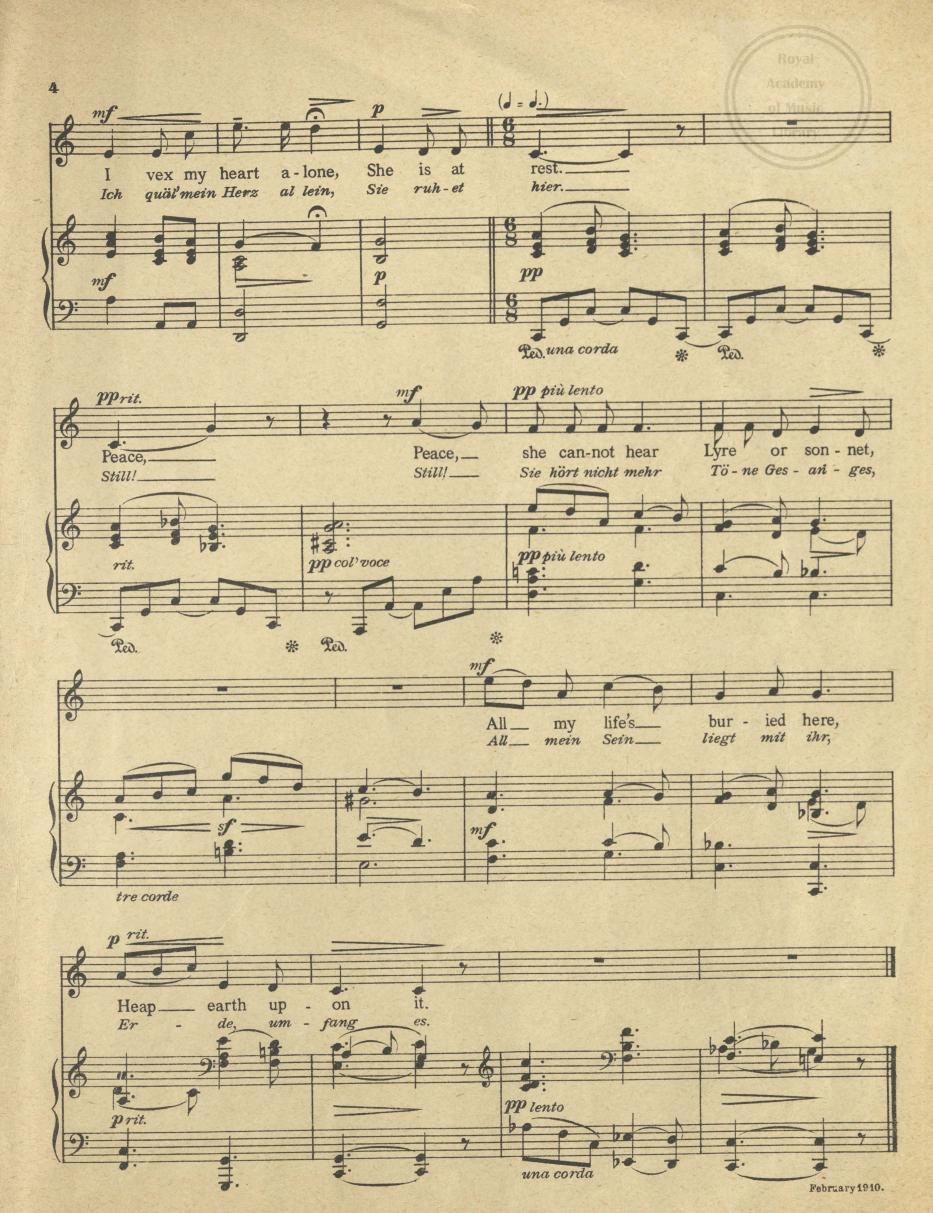
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